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## Viewing cable 08BAKU917,

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### Understanding cables

Every cable message consists of three parts:

- The top box shows each cable's unique reference number, when and by whom it originally was sent, and what its initial classification was.
- The middle box contains the header information that is associated with the cable. It includes information about the receiver(s) as well as a general subject.
- The bottom box presents the body of the cable. The opening can contain a more specific subject, references to other cables ([browse by origin](#) to find them) or additional comment. This is followed by the main contents of the cable: a summary, a collection of specific topics and a comment section.

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### Discussing cables

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Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
08BAKU917	2008-09-26 10:39	2011-08-30 01:44	SECRET//NOFORN	Embassy Baku

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Classified By: XXXXXXXXXXXX, Reasons 1.4 (b and d)

1. (S/NF) Summary: UNODC Baku reports that trans-shipment of heroin and other opiates from Iran through Azerbaijan has skyrocketed. Total here
2. (S/NF) According to the UNODC officer, the large majority of heroin seized in Azerbaijan is "ready for market," with much being processed i Meeting with UNODC - Azerbaijan -----
3. (S/NF) Baku Iran watcher met on September 12 XXXXXXXXXXXX (strictly protect), XXXXXXXXXXXX. The Baku UNODC office is only about 18 months c
4. (S/NF) XXXXXXXXXXXX noted that, perhaps due to Aliyev's personal interest, both he and UNODC generally enjoy a good relationship with Azeri Major Surge in Iran-Azerbaijan Heroin Shipments -----
5. (S/NF) According to XXXXXXXXXXXX, in 2003 the Azerbaijani authorities seized about two kilos of heroin during the entire year. In calendar
6. (S/NF) XXXXXXXXXXXX said that while official government sources claim that these seizures accounted for most of the narcotic substances ent Possible Contributing Factors -----
7. (S/NF) Apart from some intrinsic factors favoring this route, XXXXXXXXXXXX cited an increased presence of Turkish security forces in Turkis Land versus Sea Entries -----
8. (S/NF) Citing Azerbaijani security sources, the UNODC officer estimated that about 85 percent of the Iran-origin heroin is entering Azerbai Alleged Iran-Armenian Routes -----
9. (S/NF) Noting that twenty percent of Azerbaijan's official border with Iran is currently occupied by Armenia (as a result of the unresolved Limited Iranian Government Cooperation -----
10. (S/NF) While agreeing that the UNODC's Teheran office has been relatively upbeat in its reporting about Iranian government anti-narcotics New Information on Alleged Iranian Heroin Processing -----
11. (S/NF) XXXXXXXXXXXX speculated that Iran may be emerging as a major processing as well as transshipment center for Western-Europe bound he CARIC - A Bright Light? -----
12. (S/NF) XXXXXXXXXXXX called the recently-established Central Asian Regional Information Center (CARIC) a potential "bright spot" in the reg XXXXXXXXXXXX
- INL Comment -----
14. (S/NF) The UNODC officer's information on the flow of heroin from Iran gels with our impressions. While the Ministry of National Security
15. (S/NF) Although the State Customs Committee has, by all accounts, exceptional drug K-9 units, they are seldom utilized for narcotics inter to the southern border of Azerbaijan, Customs Committee officers and K-9's seemed disinterested or unable to effectively search vehicles crossi DERSE